kilometers for hydrocarbon exploration given to Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Limited and any foreign oil company in India in each offshore and onshore basin;

(b) the square kilometer increases in licensed area proposed for exploration by each company in 1988, 1989 and 1990;

(c) the increase in area by way of licensing to any new exploration company this year;

(d) the details of geological, seismic survey, data interpretation and other pre-drilling exploration work being carried out currently and proposed to be carried out till the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan by exploration companies indicating the likely completion date in each offshore and onshore basin;

(e) the name of wells currently in exploration drilling and that of contractors engaged by exploration companies for drilling; and

(f) the target date for completion of each well being drilled currently?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Increase in licensed area for exploration in future will depend upon the applications filed with the Government by the exploration companies.

Setting up Oil Refinery in Tanjore district

1263. SHRI N. RAJANGAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up an Oil Refinery in South Arcot | Tanjore district in Tamilnadu to avoid transportation charges and delay in processing the crude oil being obtained at Narimanam in Tanjore district and at Bhuvanagiri in South Arcot district; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to set up oil refinery and what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Industrial Valves

1264. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantity and value of industrial valves purchased by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission from abroad and the various sources in India during the year 1986-87; and

(b) the names of the overseas and Indian suppliers of industrial valves on the approved list of suppliers of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) During 1986-87 ONGC purchased 6833 industrial valves at a enclosed statement.

(b) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Indian Firms

1 Audco Pvt. Ltd. Madras

2 Kalpana Valve Manufacturing Co. Howrah, Calcutta

3 Sardamoni Engineering Works. Howrah Calcutta

4 Rajiv Corporation. Bombay

5 Globe Engineering Corporation. Bombay

6 Upadhyaya Valves Manufacturing (P) Ltd, Calcutta

7 Tube Product Incorporate, Bombay

8 India Metal Agencies. Bombay

9 Larsen & Toubro Calcutta

10 J. Suryanarayan, Calcutta

11 Crawley & Ray, Calcutta

12 Instrumentation Ltd. Calcutta

13 Harish & Co. Calcutta

14 Precision Engg. Co., Calcutta

15 Auto Mech. Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Bombay

16 Sheeraj Industries, Ahmedabad

17 Kirloskar Brothers, Poona

18 Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd., Tiruchirapply

19 Muttisarin, Baroda

20 Ambitions Engg.. Baroda

21 S.R. Govardhan Das Agencies, Madras

22 Reliable Supply. Madras

Kini Enterprises, Secunderabad

24 Industrial Valves, Ahmedabad

25 Leader Engg. Works, Jalandhar

26 Depro Plantequip Consultants, Bombay

27 Hydrotechnik & Valves Ltd., Hyderabad

28 Fluid Control India Ltd., Bombay

29 Arkayel Marketing Corpn., Rajamundry

30 Moorco (India) Ltd.

31 Breadsell Marketing Ltd., Madras

32 Reliable Industrial Corpn., New Delhi

33 Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd., Allahabad

34 Universal Dynamics, Calcutta

35 Machines & Tools Co., Howrah

36 Laxmi Udyog, Jodhpur

37 Krishan Hardware Stores, Sibsagar

38 Shankar Hardware Stores, Sibsagar

39 Saraogi Hardware Stores, Sibsagar

40 Shiv Shankar Co. Sibsagar

41 Dwarance & Mecneil, Faridabad

42 Micro Mix Control

43 Nilton Industries, Bombay

Foreign Firms

1 USS Oil Well Supply Co. International Inc., Houston Texas

2 Wenlen Argentina

Complaints against LPG Dealers of IOC

1265. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints against the IOC dealers in Delhi were received regarding the pressure exerted by them on the new allottees of gas connections for the purchase of Stoves from them and then insisting on the production of ration cards, despite Government's standing instructions in this behalf;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken in each case to afford relief to the aggrieved allottees;

(c) whether these dealers even objected to the newly purchased Gas Stoves with ISI mark from agencies other than theirs and insisted on the payment of Rs. 10 as testing fee; and

(d) the action taken to discipline such errant dealers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints relate mainly to delayed supply of refills against orders booked, forcible sale of hotplates, etc. The complaints received by the oil companies against LPG distributors are investigated promptly, wherever necessary, and appropriate action, ranging from warning letters to even termination of distributorships in some cases is taken against the LPG distributors in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

(c) The distributors are authorised to charge a testing fee of Rs. 10 only in such cases and are expected to issue a receipt for this recovery from the consumer.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Natural Gas Grid for North East Region

1266. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration for a natural gas grid for the North-East Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?